## State of California – The Natural Resource Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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To: Office of Planning and Research

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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: Bull Creek Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation

LOCATION: Humboldt Redwoods State Park

**COUNTY: Humboldt** 

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install up to five (5), 3" diameter groundwater monitoring wells adjacent to Bull Creek in Humboldt Redwoods SP, to conduct preliminary subsurface investigation required for development of a larger project to restore riparian and stream function. Work will:

 Dig a 15' by 15' trench, place plastic well casings (which will protrude one foot above ground and be capped), and backfill. Depth of trench will be 30 feet or less.

• A 53,000-pound track-mounted hydraulic excavator will be used for trenching. Operations will occur only during dry weather, and be completed in a maximum of two work days.

No vegetation will be removed except for brush and grass in selected trench areas. Exotic
plants will be grubbed out at well locations prior to excavation.

• Equipment will mainly use existing roads. There will be no wet crossing of Bull Creek. Two access ramps from the terrace to the floodplain will be temporarily constructed by sloping back the 5-foot high vertical bank. Ramps will be re-contoured to original topography. No vegetation or trees will be removed along access route though some brush may be flattened by excavator.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District EXEMPT STATUS:

☐ Categorical Exemption

Class: 4, 6

Section: 15304, 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, included as "resource studies" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4

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